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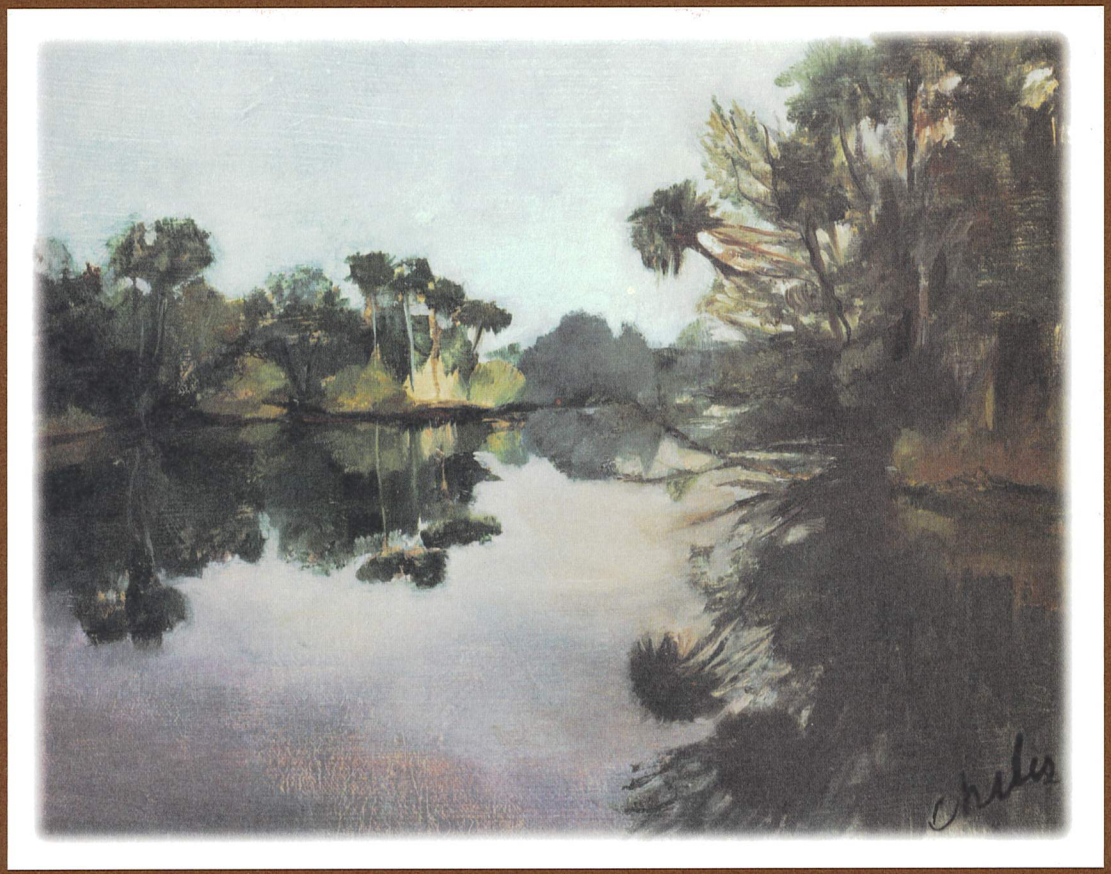

1997 President's Report

Introduction to the 1997 PBCC President's Report

Change marked the 1996-97 academic year at Palm Beach Community College. The inevitable process of change began at the top, with the naming of an interim president, Dr. G. Tony Tate, who assumed his official duties on November 15, 1996.

Tate, whose career at the College dates back to 1958, had been vice president of administration and business affairs since 1987. He began his nearly four decades of service as a teacher, and quickly moved up the promotional ladder — first as assistant director of services, then director of services.

In 1970, Tate was appointed dean of business affairs, and in 1978, he became vice president of business affairs. During his tenure, he has been credited with PBCC's growth in both student enrollment and facilities construction, including the expansion from one to four campuses in Palm Beach County.

Over the years, Tate has been the recipient of numerous honors including the 1989 Region XII Outstanding Business Officer Award from the National Council of Community College Business Officers. As a long-time advocate for handicapped access, he was instrumental in making PBCC one of the first community colleges in the state to comply with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Following Tate's appointment, PBCC Trustees and a Presidential Selection Committee, comprised of 19 faculty, administrators and community supporters, spent several months in search of a new CEO to guide the College into the next millennium. That process came to a successful conclusion in May1997 with the selection of Dr. Dennis P. Gallon, the former president of Kent Campus at Florida Community College in Jacksonville (FCCJ). Gallon, whose nearly 25-year career in the state's Community College System began as an instructor, took over as PBCC's CEO on July 14, 1997.

A native Floridian (he was born in Monticello, near Tallahassee), Gallon earned a Ph.D. and education specialist (Ed.S.) degree from the University of Florida, a master of science degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, and a bachelor of science degree from Edward Waters College, Jacksonville.

Gallon brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his new position at PBCC. Before being named president of FCCJ's Kent Campus, he served as FCCJ's associate vice president of instruction, district dean of liberal arts and sciences, campus dean of liberal arts and sciences, dean of occupational adult and continuing education and campus business manager.

In 1997, a transfer of administrative leadership also brought a renewed focus on academics and the need to update technology. The 1997 Palm Beach Community College President's Report features the initial results of the transition and change at PBCC and also highlights some plans for the coming year.

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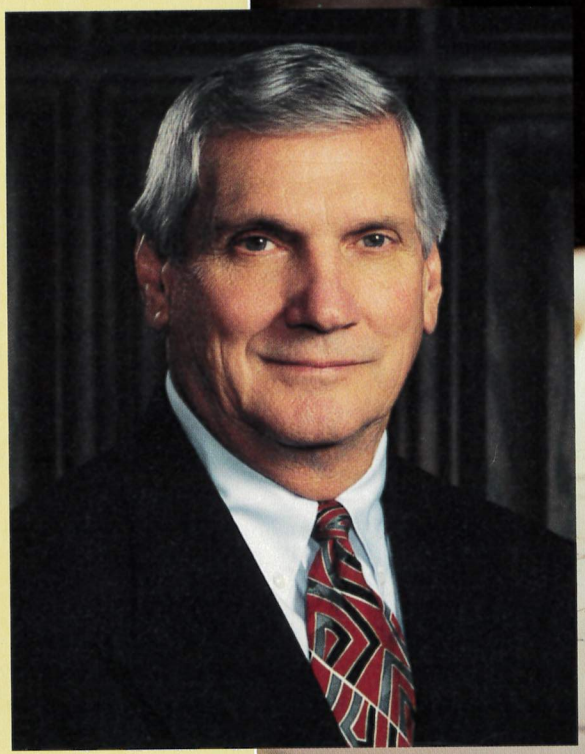
ON THE FRONT COVER: The Heartland Award features a reproduction of a painting by Florida's First Lady Rhea Chiles, an accomplished multi-media artist. Describing her work as the exploration of light and color as opposed to style, the painting captures the peace and beauty of the Myakka River.

A Message From The Interim President

For the past several months, I have been honored to serve as the interim president of Palm Beach Community College — an institution that has been an integral part of my professional career for nearly four decades. For everyone associated with PBCC, this has been a period of transition and change, dictated by the need to renew our academic focus and keep pace with 21st century technology.

In order to accomplish our immediate goals, it was necessary for the College to reallocate its limited funds. One of the recommendations made by the transition team involved the elimination of certain non-essential positions. The monies that were realized from this effort enabled PBCC to hire 10 new full-time faculty members and to purchase needed technology.

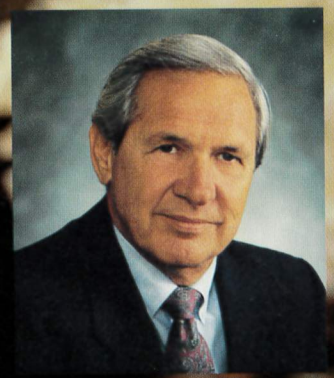


In addition to the employment of new instructors, the reallocation savings funded faculty telephones, classroom computers and associated equipment. In a further effort to address Collegewide coordination of technology, a complete inventory was taken at each campus to determine areas of greatest need and to direct reallocated funds accordingly.

Many of the decisions that were made were indeed difficult, but, as always, the interests of our students remained the principal focus. Consequently, we are confident that this funding reallocation moved PBCC closer to regaining its technological edge, allowing it to offer the highest levels of quality education and training.

G. Tony Tate,
Interim President

Board of Trustees



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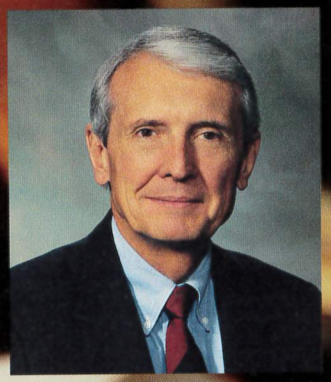

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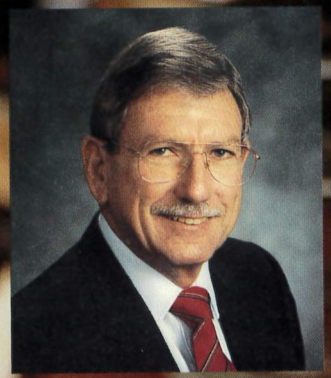

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PBCC's Presidential Search

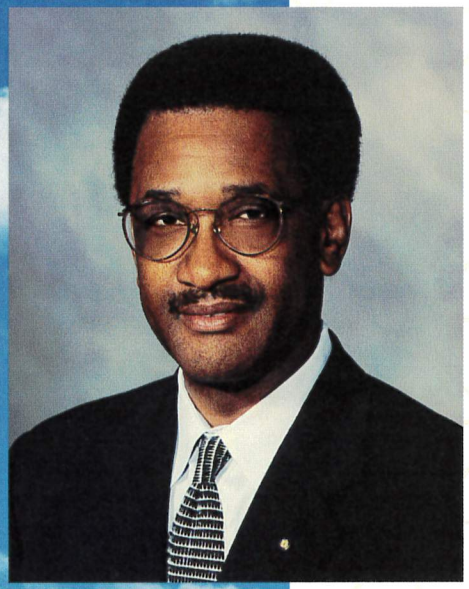
In 1996, Palm Beach Community College began its search for a new president. The individual that would ultimately be selected would represent only the fourth CEO in the College's illustrious 64-year history.

To facilitate the process, a 19-member Presidential Search Committee was organized consisting of College faculty, administrators and community leaders. In May 1997, Committee members, led by PBCC Trustee Homer J. Hand who served as chair, selected the following finalists: Dennis P. Gallon, president, Kent Campus, Florida Community College at Jacksonville; J. Terence Kelly, vice president for administration, Miami-Dade Community College, Miami; Sarah H. Pappas, associate vice president/campus director, University of Central Florida, Daytona Beach Center; and Larry L. Whitworth, president, Tidewater Community College, Portsmouth, Virginia.

The four presidential candidates were invited to PBCC's Central Campus for formal interview sessions, and faculty, staff, students and the public were given the opportunity to meet the finalists.

Pictured from left to right: Trustees Harry A. Johnston, Homer J. Hand, Bettye J. King, M.J. Steele and J. Max Davis. Also, PBCC Attorney James Adams, G. Tony Tate, Joseph M. Schneider and Dennis P. Gallon.

Message from the President



The short time that I have been president of Palm Beach Community College has been a period of professional challenge as I embrace the responsibilities inherent in leading this distinguished institution into the 21st century. As Florida's first public community college, PBCC's long-standing reputation for postsecondary excellence is well recognized within the educational community. I soon realized that, as College president, part of my job would be to make a great institution even greater — a task I accept with enthusiasm and confidence.

When PBCC was created in 1933, its mission was simply scripted: to train and educate the students of Palm Beach County. Seven decades later, that same mission continues, only heightened by the demands of time and the advancement of technology.

At PBCC, students have always been our number one priority, the reason for our being. Yet our primary goal is not simply to enroll students, but to work to ensure their total academic success. It is only when we have accomplished the second part of this goal that we have satisfactorily discharged our duties as educators.

Professionally, I have always held to the belief that teaching and learning are the essence of the community college experience. This is what sets us apart from other educational entities, that gives us a unique identification in the academic arena. Yet, I recognize that the teaching and learning process is only successful if we all work together for the good of the student — faculty, administrators and support staff alike.

As the role of the College evolves to keep pace with the information age, I am committed to a united institution, one that is a leader in the community as well as the nation. However, any measure of success we may attain is rooted not in one single individual, but collectively, in all those who share a commitment to the ideals of the community college philosophy.

The State of PBCC

A look back at the events of the past year reveals a multitude of changes for Palm Beach Community College. In the area of programs and services, an Enrollment Management Center was established, with the purpose of coordinating PBCC's approaches to enrollment and retention activities. Additionally, a Workforce Institute Conceptual Report and an Initial Implementation Plan were produced, with project funds set aside in 1997-98.

* PBCC Trustees and the Palm Beach County School Board held a joint meeting to discuss important mutual issues.
* A Criminal Justice Institute was reinstated at the Glades Campus, and corrections academies held their first classes.
* Following a successful presidential-selection process, Dennis P. Gallon was appointed PBCC's fourth president.
* PBCC's nonteaching positions were reviewed, leading to the elimination of 40 noninstructional positions considered least essential to the College's operation. The funds saved by downsizing were reallocated to provide additional full-time faculty positions and technological improvements. As a result, 10 new full-time teachers were added for the 1997-98 academic year.
* To determine the areas of greatest need regarding new purchases, administrators, faculty and staff were surveyed. Many of these requests were fulfilled through the acquisition of new technology, again, the result of reallocation funds.
* The PBCC African-American Faculty, Staff and Associates Organization was established for the purpose of encouraging and nurturing student success through positive role modeling.
* A Professional Training Center was created as a joint endeavor between the District Data Processing Department and the Central Campus Provost's Office.
* Legislative actions also directly impacted PBCC this year. The College was given the authority to retain $6.5 million in funds originally earmarked for the proposed Eissey Campus gymnasium. The College also received $2,198,985 for additional renovation and repairs and was given an additional $1,625,960 for its operating budget.

Though the College made great strides in its efforts to return to a heightened academic focus, many activities still remain in 1997-98.

* A need exists to create an atmosphere of oneness as a collegewide organization rather than four separate campuses and a district administrative organization. Also, a renewed focus on the importance of Palm Beach Community College faculty needs to be reflected in planning and operations.
* Planning for the self-study and reaccreditation visit is essential to continue PBCC's accreditation. Efforts should also be focused on ensuring that PBCC takes full advantage of the new state operation (performance based) funding process.
* Additional reorganization activities are centered on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of College operations, including the possible relocation of certain stations. Also, the athletic program will continue to be monitored to ensure that a cost/value is reflected for the students being served.
* Funds will continue to be reallocated from noninstructional activities to direct instructional programs.

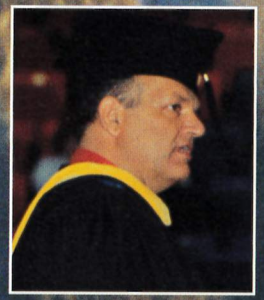
Several facilities projects were undertaken in the 1996-97 budget year. They include:

* An Eissey Campus Edu-Care Center is on the drawing board, and the campus' flooding problems are being corrected.
* Reroofing was completed on the Central Campus Paul J. Glynn Building, the Eissey Campus Classroom Building AA and the Glades Campus Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Also at Central Campus, new cooling towers were installed, and the CPI Building is undergoing renovation.
* Collegewide, asbestos has been removed from all renovated facilities, while landscaping improvements continue at the Central and Glades Campuses.
* Conversion of the former physical plant buildings is under way, enabling all staff to be located in one area.

Several technological improvements were also made in 1996 as follows:

* The third and final phase of fiber optic ring installation is nearing completion on the Central Campus, providing access to all buildings except Facilities.
* T-1 telephone lines were installed to improve the speed of data transfer among the campuses.
* Reallocation funds provided $500,000 to purchase needed technology and instructional equipment on Central Campus including 174 computers and associated software for classroom use. As a result, 60 existing computers have been relocated to Central Campus faculty offices, and telephones were installed in remaining faculty offices. Also, reallocation monies for 1997-98 will result in an additional $1,216,519 to fund 10 new full-time instructional positions and additional technological equipment.
* Technology equipment and software standards were established for all future purchases, and an agreement was reached on the responsibility for equipment maintenance.

Top Row, L-R: Patrick McMahon, David Duncan, James Graziose
Bottom Row: Mary L. Kelly, Shari Lyes and Barbara Scheffer



For the first time, PBCC faculty members delivered the commencement address. Speaking to winter term graduates were L-R: Central Campus Associate Professor Patricia Warner, Glades Campus Senior Instructor Patrick McMahon, South Campus Assistant Professor Y. Antoinette Haynes and Eissey Campus Associate Professor Alyse Schoenfeldt.

Taking part in summer commencement were South Campus Senior Instructor J. Leonard Bruton, Central Campus Senior Instructor Alice T. Duxbury, Eissey Campus Assistant Professor Alessandra Gieffers and Glades Campus Assistant Professor Jeffrey Fisher.

Faculty Honors

Palm Beach Community College named six faculty members as 1997 Teachers of Excellence. Three honorees represent the Central Campus: Senior Instructor David Duncan, Assistant Professor Mary L. Kelly and Senior Instructor Shari Lyes.

Also being honored are South Campus Senior Instructor James Graziose, Glades Campus Senior Instructor Patrick McMahon and Eissey Campus Associate Professor Barbara Scheffer.

The 1997 award winners were selected by their peers for exemplary professionalism, and were recognized at the 19th Annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in Austin, Texas.

Four PBCC faculty members were also recommended for 1997-98 sabbatical leaves. They include Central Campus Senior Instructor Alice T. Duxbury, Eissey Campus Associate Professor Alyse Schoenfeldt, Central Campus Assistant Professor Tom Steffen and Central Campus Senior Instructor Deborah Thorsen.

Additionally, the following faculty were awarded 1997-99 Endowed Chairs. They include Central Campus Senior Instructor John Berryman, Barnett Bank Chair; Central Campus Assistant Professor of Nursing Helen Hull, CSR/Rinker Materials Chair; Central Campus Senior Instructor Patricia H. Johnson, IBM Corporation Chair; and Central Campus Senior Instructor Vicki Scheurer, The Joe and Emily Lowe Foundation Chair.

A fifth Endowed Chair, awarded to South Campus Senior Instructor Jeanne Boone, was supported by a donation from the *Sun-Sentinel*. Additionally, the 1997-98 Glades Campus Chair was awarded to Senior Instructor Stephen Gibson.

Hands Receive Heartland Award

Long-time Palm Beach Community College Trustees Dolly and Homer Hand are well-known for their big hearts—a fact that has not gone unnoticed at the state capitol in Tallahassee. The Hands' generosity was appropriately recognized when Governor Lawton Chiles, accompanied by his wife, Rhea, traveled to Belle Glade to present the Hands with the Heartland Award.

The award, which recognizes "people who exemplify long-term commitment and service to communities," was presented at a luncheon attended by College employees and area leaders.

In addition to serving as trustees, both Dolly and Homer are active College supporters. Throughout the years, their philanthropy has aided a number of community-based efforts, particularly in the area of education where they have provided scholarship assistance to scores of deserving students.

L-R: First Lady Rhea Chiles, Governor Lawton Chiles, Dolly Hand and Homer Hand

Splendor in the Glades

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at the Palm Beach Community College Glades Campus in Belle Glade held an open house to mark a new 3,000 square foot addition to the facility. More than 400 College administrators, faculty, trustees and community supporters turned out for the unveiling ceremonies.

The new addition features an atrium-style lobby which provides space for visiting museum exhibits for local, state and national institutions. It also offers students and artists a grand gallery and exhibit space for an array of College-related events.

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center first opened its doors in 1982. The impressive 500-seat theater is named after long-time PBCC Trustee Frances R. "Dolly" Hand, one of Belle Glade's most visible and dynamic supporters.

Technology Center Dedicated

The Technology Center at Palm Beach Community College's Central Campus has been named in honor of Count Adolph and Countess Henrietta de Hoernle. The Boca Raton couple, who are widely recognized for their philanthropy, has pledged $1.5 million to the College.

The donation, to be paid over a three-year period, represents the largest single gift ever received by the College. The first $500,000 is being used to restore PBCC's original home in downtown West Palm Beach. A total of $750,000 will be placed into an endowment for scholarships, and the remaining $250,000 is to be used at the discretion of the College president, either for construction-related projects or academic programs.

The Count and Countess de Hoernle Technology Center opened for classes in fall 1996. Containing nearly 75,000 square feet, the facility is the largest single construction project ever undertaken by the College.

L-R: PBCC Trustee J. Max Davis, Countess Henrietta de Hoernle and PBCC Interim President G. Tony Tate

PBCC's Student Stars

When the State Board of Community Colleges announced the 1997 All-Florida Academic Team, the names of five Palm Beach Community College students were included. Representing the Eissey Campus as a member of the second team was Matthew Brownlee. Third-team members included Central Campus students Scott Hart and Syed M.A. Karim; Eissey Campus student Bruce Lee Sargent; and Glades Campus student Ramona Ramos.

The honorees were recognized for outstanding academic achievement, leadership abilities and community service.

Phi Beta Lambda students, representing the Eissey Campus' business club, traveled to Anaheim, California, for their national competition, and Suzanne Mendez earned ninth place in Job Interview. Eissey Campus Senior Instructor Joan Holloway serves as faculty club adviser.

In national competition, PBCC students representing Delta Epsilon Chi, the Central Campus chapter of Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), earned honors at the 36th National Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA. Placing in the top 10 were Ken Ryan, Restaurant and Food Service Marketing/Management, and Wally Remaley, Hospitality Marketing/Management. Central Campus Senior Instructor Susan Thompson, who serves as club adviser, was also appointed to DECA's board of trustees.

Central Campus Senior Instructor/DECA Adviser Susan Thompson is pictured with Walter "Wally" Remaley.

Delta Omicron Chapter President Kim Bojaciuk receives congratulations from PTK Adviser Allen Hamlin.

PBCC's Central Campus Phi Theta Kappa chapter also earned honors at PTK's International Convention. Competing with over 1,100 chapters, Delta Omicron was rated 10th in service activities and tied for 20th in all areas of activities. Additionally, Florida was recognized as one of the top three regions in the nation. Central Campus Senior Instructor Allen Hamlin, who serves as Delta Omicron's adviser, was also honored when he was named one of the nine top chapter advisers in the Florida region.

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